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1. THE POST HAS CONDUCTED A REEVALUATION OF OUR NEEDS OUTLINED IN REFTEL. OUR EVALUATION OF LOCAL SECURITY SITUATION REMAINS THE SAME BUT WE FEEL THAT FOLLOWING MEASURES WILL ADEQUATELY ENSURE THE SAFETY/SECURITY OF POST PERSONNEL, AMBASSADOR AND DCM FOR THE IMMEDIATE FUTURE. DIRECTION OF TURKEY'S INTERNAL SECURITY SITUATION WILL BE WATCHED AND AN UPDATED REPORT WILL BE FORWARDED. AMBASSADOR, DCM, RSS AND RSO ARE IN CONCURRENCE ON THE FOLLOWING MEASURES TO BE TAKEN.

A. THE MARINE SECURITY GUARD COVERAGE AT THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE WILL BE CONTINUED ON A 12-HOUR
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BASIS UNTIL MAY 8, 1978, WHEN IT WILL BE REEVALUATED. THIS PUTS THE MSG WORK HOURS AT 43 HOURS AND 48 HOURS WITH THE 1/9 FACTOR.

B. PROVIDE 24-HOUR GUARD COVERAGE TO THE REAR OF THE AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE. THIS WILL ENTAIL INCREASING GUARD AUTHORIZATION BY 4. COST TO THE US GOVERNMENT WILL BE \$2,800 EACH FOR TOTAL \$11,800/YR.

C. INCREASE GUARD COVERAGE AT DCM RESIDENCE FROM PRESENT 12 HOURS TO 24 HOURS. THIS WOULD ENTAIL INCREASING GUARD AUTHORIZATION BY 2. COST TO THE US GOVERNMENT WILL BE \$2,800 EACH FOR TOTAL \$5,600/YR.

D. REPLACE CURRENT AMBASSADOR FSLE DRIVER WITH A CONTRACT DRIVER/BODYGUARD. DRIVER/BODYGUARD REQUIREMENTS INCLUDE PRIOR POLICE BACKGROUND, DRIVER QUALIFIED. THIS WOULD REQUIRE ADDITION OF 2 ADDITIONAL CONTRACT EMPLOYEES. COST TO THE US GOVERNMENT WILL BE \$4,400 EACH FOR A TOTAL OF \$8,800/YR.

E. POST IS MOVING AHEAD WITH PLANS AND COST ESTIMATES FOR THE LOBBY RECONFIGURATION TO MEET REQUIREMENTS OUTLINED IN PUBLIC ACCESS CONTROL PAMPHLET. PLANS WITH COST ESTIMATES FOR NECESSARY DEPARTMENT APPROVAL AND FUNDING WILL FOLLOW.

2. WE WILL ALSO BE IDENTIFYING IN NEAR FUTURE, WITH CONCURRENCE OF SECURITY WATCH COMMITTEE, ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS TO PROVIDE POST FACILITIES AND PERSONNEL WITH PROJECTED INCREASED THREAT LEVEL.

3. POST WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE BEING ADVISED OF CURRENT SHIPPING STATUS OF FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE OF LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AMBASSADOR. WE HAVE NOT RECEIVED SHIPPING NOTICE OR OTHER DETAILS. THE ADDITION OF THE DRIVER/BODYGUARD AND THE FULLY ARMORED VEHICLE ARE CENTRAL TO THE PLANS TO ENSURE ADEQUATE SECURITY OF AMBASSADOR.

4. WE REQUEST IMMEDIATE ACTION ON OUR REQUEST TO INCREASE GUARD FORCE CONTRACT BY 8 POSITIONS. THESE POSITIONS ARE AGAIN, 4 FOR A 24-HOUR POST AT REAR OF AMBASSADOR'S RESIDENCE, 2 TO ALLOW INCREASE FROM 12 TO 24 HOURS COVERAGE OF DCM RESIDENCE AND 2 DRIVER/BODYGUARDS. TOTAL COST OF USG WILL BE \$25,600/YR. PLEASE BE ADVISED THAT A WAGE STUDY IS TAKING PLACE AND B&M OFFICER ESTIMATES THAT THERE WILL BE AN APPROXIMATELY 33.4 PERCENT INCREASE WHICH WILL MEAN A TOTAL COST OF \$33,200 PER YEAR.
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